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SUBJECT: REPORTED BULGARIAN VIEWS ON MACEDONIA

1. FONOFF YUGOSLAV OFFICE CHIEF HAS PASSED US REPORT FROM ITALIAN EMBASSY IN SOFIA WHICH SPEAKS OF SIGNIFICANT SHIFT IN BULGARIAN POSITION ON MACEDONIAN QUESTION. ACCORDING REPORT, FRENCH AMBASSADOR TOLD ITALIAN AMBASSADOR RECENTLY THAT, FOLLOWING VISIT OF YUGOSLAV PARTY LEADER DOLANC TO SOFIA, HE HAD LEARNED THAT BULGARIANS NO LONGER MAINTAIN THAT MACEDONIA IS PART OF BULGARIA BUT, INSTEAD, ACCEPT THAT IT IS A SEPARATE NATION WITH ITS OWN LANGUAGE. FURTHERMORE, BULGARIANS NOW SAY THAT ALL MACEDONIANS CAN IDENTIFY WITH THE MACEDONIAN REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA. HOWEVER, AS A COROLLARY, THEY ADD THAT THERE ARE NO RPT NOT MACEDONIANS IN BULGARIA.

2. WE ARE IN NO POSITION TO EVALUATE OR COMMENT ON ABOVE REPORT BUT PASS IT ON AS POSSIBLE INTEREST TO ADDRESSEES. VOLPE

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